

SUNDAY BASE BALL GAMES IN MERIDIAN East End P. T. A. In Big Drive

Will Meridian Per- mit Sunday Base Ball Games A Matter For Consider- ation

For some considerable time there have been base ball games played in Meridian on Sunday seemingly, by both white and colored. At the present time this particular sport seems to be up for discussion. According to reports, the Meridian Star has asked for comment on this particular matter by the ministers of the city, presumably white ministers. There seems to be differences in opinions by the white Ministers Association.

DISCUSSED IN COLORED ALLIANCE

The matter was discussed last Tuesday in the Colored Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance at the public library. No vote was taken, however, there was a free discussion and expression on the part of the colored ministers. There were about ten ministers present in the meeting. Eight of those present objected to Sunday Base Ball, in our city, one was neutral and one was in favor of base ball.

As editor of the Weekly Echo, pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church and a citizen of this town, I am of the opinion that Sunday Base Ball Games are not helping our people. My argument refers mostly to my own race. Let us say that the white man came to this country in 1619-315 years ago. The Negro was brought as a slave and remained a slave until sixty odd years ago and to a large extent, is still a slave. If the white man is ready for Sunday Base Ball in Meridian with his 331 years of experience, we are not ready for it with sixty odd years of experience.

SOME EVIL EFFECTS

What are some of the evil effects of Sunday Base Ball Games?

1-A large number of colored people are going to be arrested by policemen on Sunday for unbecoming conduct in some way.

2-Some are going to be "clubbed"

3-Some are going to the jail

4-Some are going to the police court Monday morning

5-Some are going to be fined

6-Some are going to pay their fine

7-Others are not going to have it and they must go to the streets with chains

8-Some children are going to leave home supposedly to be going to some church affair, but will be found at the base ball game. There are hundreds of other evils that will come out of Sunday Base Ball Games that will be detrimental to our folk. When these fines are paid by our people, I presume this will help to pay officers a salary and probably better salaries.

WRONG DOES NOT MAKE RIGHT

I think that every individual has a right to his belief and should so express himself. In reading the opinions of some of the white ministers, some have called our attention to the fact that there are other sports indulged in our city. For instance-tennis, golf and the like. Some mentioned joy-riding, slot machine etc. I believe that if a thing is wrong it is just wrong.

EXAMPLE

In order to make myself clear I want to draw this little illustration. If an individual commits a crime, I think that individual should be punished. There should be no partiality shown in administering the law to criminals. If a white man violates the law; if a

black man violates; if a red man violates; if a brown man violates; if a yellow man violates, the law has been violated. Let us take for granted that the same kind of crime was committed by one of all of these races. Is it not a fact that each violator should be punished alike, but suppose it is decided that three members of these races will not be punished alike for the same crime, and two will be punished alike for the same crime. Could we argue that because those three are not being punished the other two should not be punished? No! All should be punished alike.

Let us take our city for example. We can see from ten to fifteen and twenty Negroes daily sweeping the streets of our city. Some time the most of these Negroes have on chains. They have violated the law and they are being punished. How many white men can we see sweeping the streets of Meridian with chains on? That is a thing of the past. Should we as a race argue that because the white man does not sweep the streets with chains on that the Negro has no right to have chains on and sweep the streets? If the white man does not sweep the streets; if he does not wear chains when he has violated; if he is not put on the streets as black men are, I cannot consistently see why we should feel that the Negro should not be punished. If the law says that criminals shall be punished this should be done as to whether they are white or black, yellow, brown or red. Then, can we consistently argue and believe that because our city permits the playing of tennis, golf and the like on Sunday that we have no right to speak against playing base ball on Sunday.

If this argument is accepted, then to my mind, we should argue that Negro criminals have no right to wear chains; they have no right to sweep the streets of Meridian because the white criminal does not wear chains and does not sweep the streets. But friends, this will be the wrong argument. If a crime is committed by a member of any race, it remains a fact that the law has been violated and it still remains a fact that the criminal who commits the same kind of crime should receive the same kind of punishment.

Why permit base ball another wrong, because golf, tennis and the like are being played

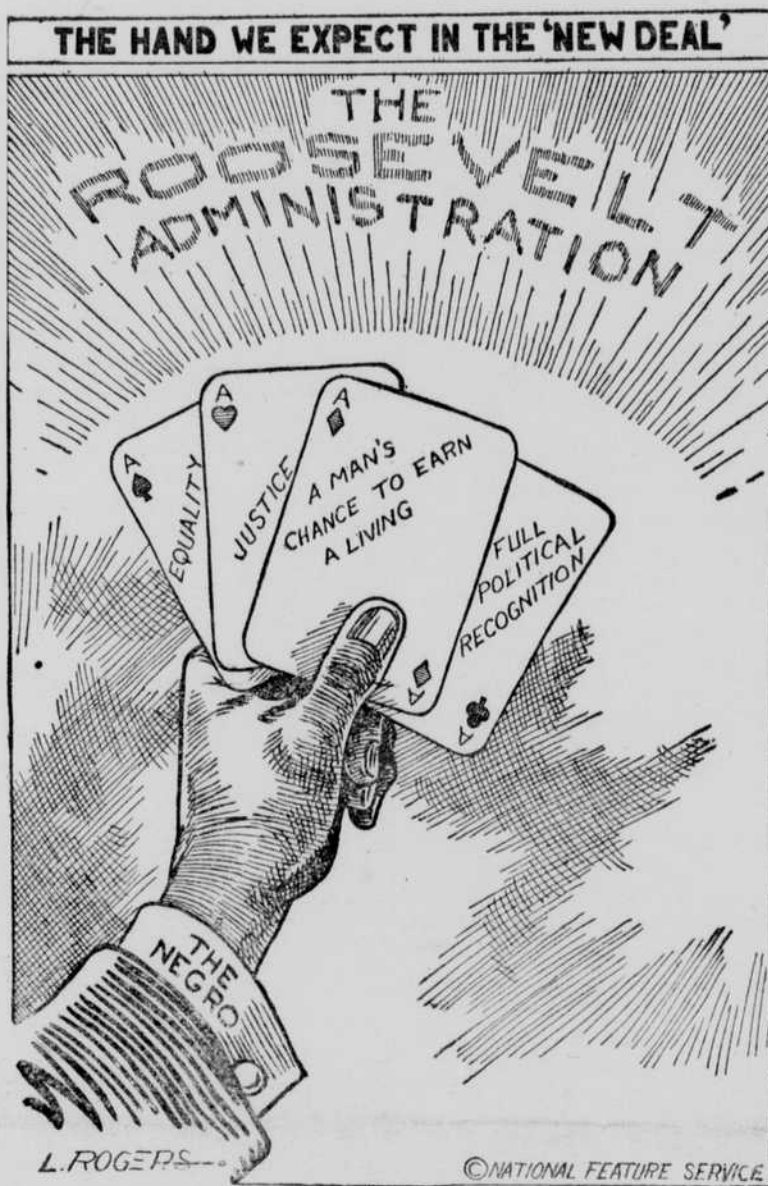
Editor of The Weekly Echo Gets Congratulation

Dear Rev. Young:

One of the hardest things I find among our people is the ability to edit a paper and keep it going. I'm very glad to say, however, that your paper, "The Weekly Echo," is one that has been kept up, and seems to be growing; in fact, I'm forced to believe that it's the only real Negro newspaper in the state of Mississippi.

When a paper is carried on as this one, it not only shows the progress of the Negro on the printed page, but it also shows that there is a man behind it who has stability of purpose. This is what it takes to put a program over. I know everyone would agree with me in saying that you are sparing no pains in using all of the energy and time available to make "The Weekly Echo" possible.

With every good wish that you continue the fine work and make other states, as well as Mississippi, proud of such a paper at this, I am,
L. C. Jones, Prin., Piney Wood School



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At the Vesper service Sunday which begins at 6 o'clock p. m. the following program will be rendered: Devotions; Quartet, Mrs. E. K. Harper, Miss N. Emerson, Mrs. N. Singleton, Miss M. Emerson; Solo, Miss Naomi Sims, Paper Mrs. Dora McCall; Solo, Mrs. Cora Williams; Address, Prof. T. J. Harris; Solo, Miss Beatrice Sims; Instrumental Duet, Misses Emma Todd, Dorothy Harris; Offering, Announcements, Benediction. Club No. 1 is in charge.

Mrs. Laura Harris, president
Mrs. Cora Williams, Secretary

TO DELIVER SPECIAL SERMON

Rev. W. G. Wilson, pastor of the New Hope Baptist church is offering the church-goers of the city a message from his pulpit Sunday, which should be heard by a large crowd of wisdom-seekers from the word of God. He will have as his Subject: The Return of the Prodigal Son. He will interpret the times in the light of this parable, showing that the world (prodigal) has arrived presently at the hulk of the swinepen, and should come to itself and return unto its God, where the hospitality of a rich Father awaits the RETURN.

The public is invited to the 11-A. M. service at New Hope Sunday.

Mississippi Teachers ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Teachers in colored schools, which was to have been held April 6, 7, 8, has been postponed until April 27, 28, 29th according to statement of Dorothy H. Harris, Secretary of the Association.

Prof. P. S. Bowles of Alcorn A. M. College, president of the Association, in his official announcement is calling

the meeting at this later date on account of the present financial stress prevailing over the state. The meeting will be held in Jackson, Mississippi according to the announcement.

LAUREL, MISS.

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in your columns, to the publication of the actions which the Baptist Ministers' Union, of Laurel, Miss., has taken in the movement, that is said to be on foot to organize another Baptist church in-side the city limit of Laurel.

I am sending you for a manuscript, the clipping from The Leader Call: Saturday, March 25th, for your con-
vient.

Yours for the cause,
S. J. Laws,

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, news has come to the Colored Baptist Ministers Union of the City of Laurel that there is a move on foot to organize another Baptist church in the city limits we, as ministers, believe that there are sufficient churches in the city limits to meet the religious activities of our group.

Whereas, we believe that if another organization of our group results, it would be un-Christian and unorthodox; Therefore, we, as Baptist ministers, stamp our disapproval against the movement of any individual or individuals that would result in the split of any church. Any member of our union who participates in, or encourages such an organization, will be expelled from the Union.

Yours for the cause of Christ,
Rev. S. J. Laws, Rev. W. T. Patterson,
Rev. R. H. Reid, Committee.

MRS. EUGENE WEBB DOING A SPLENDID WORK

According to several reports that have been made to the office, Mrs. Eugene

Webb, wife of the Rev. Eugene Webb is doing a splendid work among colored schools of Lauderdale county. According to reports Mrs. Webb heads the Jeans Fund for our people. Mrs. Webb is an earnest worker who believes in putting things over. We are always proud to have good reports with reference to our leaders.

SPLENDID CO-OPERATION

It is also reported that the P. T. A., together with teachers in various schools, are cooperating with Mrs. Webb in the splendid program that she is putting over. We hope for Mrs. Webb a continued success in her work.

Rev. Eugene Webb, the husband of Mrs. Webb is a long time friend of the editor. We were in school at Haven Academy, which was later known as Haven Institute and still later Haven Teachers College. Rev. Webb was always jolly and full of laughter and sunshine. Rev. Webb is the energetic pastor of Lauderdale Circuit.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Negro Civic League will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting in the H. B. A. building, Monday evening, April 3rd, at 6:30 P. M. All members are urged to be present.

Dr. Lawrence F. Brooks, Pres.
Clinton L. Lindsay, Secretary.



DR. MARY F. WARING Prominent club woman and physician of Chicago who is waging a spirited campaign to become the President of the National Association of Colored Women when it meets in Chicago next July.

Dr. Waring who at present is Vice-President at LaLarg of the organization has been active in the organization for many years. For twenty years prior to beginning the practice of Medicine she was a teacher in Chicago public schools where she rose to one of its best salaried positions. (ANP)

NOTICE! Notary Public

Rev. B. Washington Coates announced as Notary Public for Meridian and Lauderdale County. Authorized service for all kinds of papers. May be seen at Dr. Brooks' office—H. B. A. Building, 2508½ 5th Street—upstairs. Phone 2776.

The P. T. A. Of The East End School

The P. T. A. of the East End School held its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 27th at 2:00 o'clock, in the school building. This was one of the most interesting meetings we have had this term.

The president called the house to order and went immediately into the business session. Reports from the committees on the membership drive were heard. Eleven old members were reinstated and seven new ones were added to the roll.

Then came the nomination and election of delegates to represent the P. T. A. at the state meeting. The following were nominated: Mesdames Z. Rimpson, A. Brown, B. Ashford, H. Walker and C. Booker. The members voted by ballot. Mrs. A. Brown received 26 votes, Mrs. B. Ashford received 22 votes. Both were elected and will be sent to Jackson by the P. T. A. of the East End School, with all expenses paid, to represent our organization.

Reports from the popularity contest were called for. Each sponsor and her adviser made their report. Velma Alexander, sponsored by Mrs. Z. Rimpson and Miss Annie Curry reported \$5.67. Mildred Crawford, sponsored by Mrs. Jessie Hall and Miss Nettie Wobblington \$6.88. Mary E. Johnson, sponsored by Mrs. Magnolia Johnson and Miss Albena Smith \$7.22. Rosa P. Steward, sponsored by Mrs. Leona Steward and Mrs. Laura Harris \$8.77. Lois Brown sponsored by Mrs. Ollie Brown and Miss J. Ruth Scott \$9.25.

Little Lois Brown was winner of first prize which was a pair of slippers Rosa P. Steward was winner of second prize which is a ready made dress. Each of the other three contestants will be given a pair of sock. Thus the business session was brought to a close.

Miss Ivy introduced Prof. G. W. Oliver, who addressed the body briefly but intensely interestingly.

We then listened to a program by the children from room No. 1 under Miss Ivy's direction. One of the most enjoyable numbers on the program was a folk dance entitled "Dance Partner." Miss Ivy is renowned for her efficiency as a principal and directing concerts with children and grown ups.

We also had visitors present and we welcomed them cordially. They were Mesdames Millie K. Floyd, Effie Mitchell, G. W. Oliver, Claud Williams and her cousin Miss Maggie Billard from Memphis, Tennessee. A delicious two course menu was served. The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Magnolia Johnson, president
Mrs. Laura Harris Sec'y. and Rep.
Miss Emma B. Ivy, Prin.

PLAY: ENTITLED "HOW A WOMAN KEEPS A SECRET"

The play sponsored by Miss E. B. Ivy, her teachers and members of the P. T. A. at Newell Chapel Church last Friday night was a splendid success. The title of the play was "How a woman keeps a secret." All persons taking part in this play acted their part well.

Those who know Miss Ivy know she has a wonderful talent. She believes in putting things over in high style. Her teachers seem to co-operate with her wonderfully. Not only do the teachers co-operate with her, but the members of the P. T. A.

We feel that Miss Ivy should be commended for the great work that she is putting over in the East End school.

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